

Amendments to the Claims:

Please replace all prior claims with this listing of claims:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-60 (canceled).

Claim 61 (currently amended). An integral frame member for a folding tool said frame member defining ~~a single~~ only one channel and comprising a pair of opposed first and second channel walls integrally joined by a channel floor, and ~~an integral~~ a first external flange, integral with said frame member, extending outwardly from said first channel wall in a first direction away from said ~~single one~~ only one channel, said first external flange extending substantially perpendicular to said first channel wall and having ~~an integral~~ a first leaf spring integral with said frame member.

Claims 62-68 (canceled).

Claim 69 (currently amended). The frame ~~number~~ member of claim 61 wherein said first external flange defines a plane substantially perpendicular to said first channel wall and said first leaf spring lies substantially within said plane.

Claims 70-72 (canceled).

Claim 73 (currently amended). The frame member of claim 72 109 wherein said cut is ~~substantially linear~~ straight.

Claim 74 (currently amended). The frame member of claim 72 109 wherein said cut is substantially parallel to said first external flange.

Claim 75 (canceled).

Claim 76 (canceled).

Claim 77 (previously presented). The frame member of claim 61 wherein said first external flange is not integrally joined with a channel wall other than said first channel wall.

Claim 78 (canceled).

Claim 79 (currently amended). The handle of claim 78 101 including:

1 (a). ~~an integral~~ a second external flange, integral with said first piece of integral material, extending outwardly from said second ~~sidewall~~ side wall in a second direction away from said channel, said second external flange including ~~a an~~ an integral first leaf spring that is an integral part of said first piece of integral material; and

2 (b). a second side scale, ~~not integral with said frame member~~ separate from and not an integral part of said first piece of integral material, arranged secured to said frame member adjacent to said second external flange such that so as to form a second external tool pocket defined by said second sidewall, said second external flange and said second side scale said second side wall, said second external flange, and said second side scale define a second external pocket.

Claim 80 (currently amended). The handle of claim 79 wherein said internal ~~tool~~ pocket faces in a ~~first~~ third direction and said first and second external ~~tool~~ pockets faces in a ~~second~~ fourth direction substantially opposite to said ~~first~~ third direction.

Claim 81 (currently amended). The handle of claim 78 101 wherein said first leaf spring is ~~created~~ defined by a single only one cut in ~~the material from which the integral handle member is formed~~ said first piece of integral material.

Claim 82 (previously presented). The handle of claim 81 wherein said cut is located substantially in said first sidewall.

Claim 83 (currently amended). The handle of claim 82 wherein said cut is ~~substantially~~ linear straight.

Claim 84 (currently amended). The handle of claim 82 wherein said cut is substantially parallel to said first external flange.

Claim 85 (currently amended). The handle of claim 79 wherein said first leaf spring of said second external flange is ~~created~~ defined by a single only one cut in said ~~second sidewall~~ ~~proximate said second external flange~~ first piece of integral material.

Claim 86 (currently amended). The handle of claim 85 wherein said cut is substantially linear straight and substantially parallel to said second external flange.

Claim 87 (currently amended). The handle of claim 78 101 including an independent spring, separate from and not integral with said frame member an integral part of said first piece of integral material, arranged in said ~~channel~~ internal pocket.

Claims 88-98 (canceled).

Claim 99 (currently amended). An integral frame member for a folding tool, ~~said frame member~~ composed of a single piece of integral sheet material, said frame member comprising ~~defining a single only one channel and comprising~~ having first and second channel walls integrally joined by a channel floor, and said frame member having an integral a first external flange, integral with said single piece of integral sheet material, extending outwardly from said first channel wall in a first direction away from said ~~single one channel~~, said first external flange

including ~~an integral~~ a first leaf spring, integral with said single piece of integral sheet material
~~the portion of said first external flange that forms said first leaf spring is separated from an~~
~~adjacent portion of said first channel wall, wherein said first leaf spring of said first external~~
flange is defined by an only one elongate cut in said single piece of integral sheet material
~~substantially in said first channel wall.~~

Claim 100 (currently amended). The frame member of claim 99 further including an a
~~integral~~ second external flange, integral with said single piece of integral sheet material,
extending outwardly from said second channel wall in a second direction away from said one
channel, said second external flange including an integral second leaf a first leaf spring, integral
with said single piece of integral sheet material, ~~the portion of said second external flange that~~
~~forms said second leaf spring is separated from an adjacent portion of said second channel wall~~
wherein said first leaf spring of said second external flange is defined by an only one elongate
cut substantially in said single piece of second channel wall integral sheet material .

Claim 101 (new). A handle for a folding tool comprising:

- (a) a first piece of integral material defining only one integral channel, said channel
including first and second opposed side walls and a channel floor defining an
internal pocket, said channel further including a first external flange, integral with
said first piece of integral material, extending outwardly from said first side wall
in a first direction away from said channel, said first external flange including a
first leaf spring also integral with said first piece of material; and

- (b) a first side scale, separate from and not an integral part of said first piece of integral material, said first side scale secured to said channel adjacent to said first external flange such that said first side wall, said first external flange and said first side scale define a first external pocket.

Claim 102 (new). The handle of claim 101 wherein said first piece of integral material is sheet metal.

Claim 103 (new). The handle of claim 101 wherein said first side scale is consists of a second piece of integral material.

Claim 104 (new). The handle of claim 87 further including a first tool bit positioned in said internal pocket, said independent spring positioned in said pocket so as to bear upon said first tool bit.

Claim 105 (new). The handle of claim 104 wherein said first tool bit is a scissors blade.

Claim 106 (new). The handle of claim 104 wherein said first tool bit is a pliers jaw.

Claim 107 (new). The frame member of claim 61 wherein said frame member is composed of a single piece of integral sheet material.

Claim 108 (new). The frame member of claim 61 further including a second external flange integral with said frame member, extending outwardly from said second channel wall in a second direction away from said one channel, said second external flange including a leaf spring integral with said frame member.

Claim 109 (new). The frame member of claim 61 wherein said first leaf spring is defined by only one cut in said integral frame member.

Claim 110 (new). The frame member of claim 107 wherein said first leaf spring is defined by only one cut in said integral sheet material.